

## Slaby Elected New GSC President

By Jenny Zhang  
NEWS EDITOR

New officers of the Graduate Student Council were elected Wednesday at a four-and-a-half-hour meeting. The 2005–2006 GSC officers are Emily Slaby, president, Sylvain Bruni, vice president, Andrew “Zoz” G. Brooks, secretary, and Oreoluwa A. Adeyemi, treasurer.

Only GSC representatives, committee chairs, and officers vote in the elections, current GSC President Barun Singh wrote in an e-mail.

The newly-elected officers take office on May 4 after the general council meeting, said Singh. In the meantime, the current officers will train the future officers, he said.

### Slaby aims to expand grad housing

Slaby said she would like to work to increase graduate student housing on campus to 50 percent.

Currently, there are 2,221 beds

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## CPW Kicks Off as Prefrosh Explore MIT

By Marie Y. Thibault  
STAFF REPORTER

Students clustered around the Student Center Thursday afternoon, listening to loud music and relaxing in anticipation of Campus Preview Weekend. A festive air descended on MIT, along with crowds of prospective freshmen.

### Feature

Matthew L. McGann ’00, assistant director of admissions, said that 864 prefrosh registered for CPW. This year, there is an all-time high percentage of the accepted students, 58%, attending CPW. In addition, 689 parents are accompanying 458 of the prospective students.

### Prefrosh catch first glimpses

First stop for the prospective students was La Sala de Puerto Rico. Standing in line for registration with their luggage, Sarah E. Gelman and Yunji Wu already had first impressions of MIT.

Gelman said that she was excited and that MIT had “lots of energy,” while Wu said, “the buildings are pretty cool.” Both agreed that they were most interested in experiencing MIT’s social atmosphere.

Susan K. Kunkel, a parent, said that the campus “seems clean and well-kept.” She also said that



OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

Unwana E. Otu ’07 and other brothers of Chocolate City play some tunes during lunchtime on Thursday, April 7, in Kresge Oval.

she hoped her daughter would try to find if “[MIT] is the place. Is this the place she can say, this is it? Does she feel a gut emotional reaction?”

Some prospective freshmen spent Thursday afternoon in classes. Katie M. Boothe, Alan L.

Browning, Rachel Kolesnikov-Lindsey, and Laura C. Fallon sat in on an 18.02 lecture. Afterwards, they said that the class was interesting. However, they all agreed laughingly that they would start with Calculus I (18.01) next fall.

### Hundreds of CPW events planned

Over 250 events are scheduled for the weekend. Prefrosh can choose from a variety of musical, athletic, academic, religious, and recreational activities.

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## Job Outlook on an Upswing for 2005

By Brian Keegan  
STAFF REPORTER

Those who dread looking for jobs and internships can start breathing a little more easily.

Elizabeth A. Reed, director of the Careers Office, said she feels there is a general sense among employers, students, and observers that the job market is beginning to pick up again after several lean years of recruiting.

“Between a greater number of employers recruiting on campus and more students coming in for interviews, we had a heavy fall recruiting season,” she said.

According to Reed, there were 4.5 percent more employers — a total of 461 — this year than there were during the 2003–2004 season. There was also an 11.4 percent increase in the number of on-campus interviews conducted.

She said there was a decrease in the total number of resumes submitted, but suggested that this may be a result of students having more suc-

cess in obtaining early responses and interviews than in previous years.

“We’re seeing a broader spread of companies coming to MIT. While management consulting, investment banking, aerospace/defense, and software/IT still comprise a large portion of recruiters, we’re beginning to see more pharmaceutical/biotech, non-profit, and government organizations on campus,” she said.

### Focus on financial, biotech jobs

Janna O’Neill, an Undergraduate Practice Opportunities Program manager, has noticed a shift in the types of internships sought by UPOP sophomores.

“Students are moving away from the programming opportunities towards the financial and biotechnology industries,” she said. “We had a hard time encouraging students to apply for internships with companies like Dream-Works, Black Ops Entertainment, and even Major League Baseball.”

Devon M. Biondi, another UPOP manager, said that although

over 200 internships were generated for this year’s class of 210 UPOP students, only 56 percent have internships for the summer.

“Students often limit themselves to a location or industry without even knowing what it entails. Looking for any job requires you to be flexible and persistent,” she said.

James G. Glenn ’06 submitted over 15 resumes in January to banking and financial firms and received eight interviews.

“The first-round interviews began right around the start of the spring term, and second rounds were as soon as two days later. These interviewers ranged from the cordial to assholes who don’t enjoy their jobs but still try to sell the company,” he said.

“My first six interview responses were all rejections, but I ended up getting offers from my last two: Goldman Sachs and Bank of America,” Glenn said.

Shiva R. Ramesh ’05 spent last

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## IS&T May Waive Phone Activation Charge

By John A. Hawkinson

Information Services and Technology may waive the \$25 activation charge that accompanies signing up for \$17/month phone service, said Allison F. Dolan, director of telephony for IS&T.

Students who wish to place or receive telephone calls outside MIT

will be required to pay the new \$17 fee.

IS&T is considering waiving the activation fee this coming year as an incentive for students to sign up, Dolan said. The decision will be made based on IS&T’s projections of sign-ups.

Additionally, Dolan said, MIT

has committed to allowing phones to call incoming freshmen during Orientation. At this time, it is not clear how that requirement will interact with the new restricted phone service; Dolan speculated that all dormitory phones might be able to receive incoming calls for a two-week period.



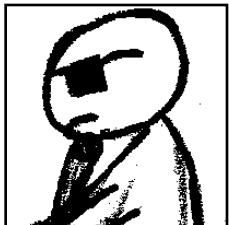
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Emmanuel J. Sin ’07 and TianTian Hu ’07 serve lemonade to Yufei C. Wang G on the edge of Kresge Oval on Wednesday afternoon as part of a “Fun in the Sun”-themed Introduction to Visual Arts (4.301) public space project. Sin and Hu also offered frisbees, footballs, and soccer balls to students looking for more outdoor entertainment.



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# WORLD & NATION

## Rising Oil Prices May Have Greater Political Than Economic Impact

By Richard W. Stevenson and Matthew Wald  
*THE NEW YORK TIMES* WASHINGTON

The government projected Thursday that gasoline prices would surge even higher in coming weeks and remain high through the summer, underscoring both the economic impact of the sharp rise in energy costs and the growing political risks for President Bush.

The Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said it expected average gasoline prices to hit a peak of \$2.35 a gallon in May and to average \$2.28 a gallon from April through September. Last week, the average price across the nation was \$2.22 a gallon.

With crude oil prices having touched record highs in the last several weeks and remaining close to them, the White House is casting itself as actively immersed in addressing the problem. It is using the runup in oil and gasoline prices to turn up the pressure on Congress to pass Bush's long-stalled energy bill, which the administration says would encourage more domestic oil exploration and production, support alternative energy sources, and improve conservation.

## States Told Not to Steer Beneficiaries to Drug Plans

By Robert Pear  
*THE NEW YORK TIMES* WASHINGTON

The Bush administration has told states they cannot steer Medicare beneficiaries to any specific prescription drug plan, even if state officials find that some insurance plans would provide the best deals for elderly people with low incomes.

States such as Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania have for years had their own programs to help elderly people with drug costs. In some cases, the state coverage is superior to what Medicare will offer, and many states want to continue those programs to supplement the Medicare drug benefit that becomes available in January.

A federal advisory commission said recently that states should be allowed to enroll low-income Medicare beneficiaries in "one or more preferred prescription drug plans." This would help ensure "continuity of care," it said.

## CIA Chief Orders 'Curveball' Review

By Douglas Jehl  
*THE NEW YORK TIMES* WASHINGTON

Porter J. Goss, the director of central intelligence, has ordered an internal review to resolve conflicting claims about why the CIA did not do more to raise doubts about an Iraqi defector known as Curveball after the German intelligence service questioned his credibility, according to intelligence officials.

Information from the defector became the primary basis for the administration's assertions, used to justify attacking Iraq, that Saddam Hussein's government was actively pursuing biological weapons. Last week, the presidential commission on illegal weapons reported that a senior CIA official had been warned by German officials in 2002 that Curveball, an informant they were supervising, was suspected of providing false information.

That official, Tyler Brumheller, who headed the agency's spying operations in Europe, has said he warned superiors orally, and the commission included his account in its report. But both George J. Tenet and John McLaughlin, who were the CIA's top two officials at the time, have since issued statements saying they were told nothing of the doubts, and calling the failure of Brumheller and others to issue a formal warning about Curveball an extraordinary lapse.

The review ordered by Goss is likely to focus on the agency's directorate of operations, its clandestine service, and will try to establish who knew, and when, that Curveball's claims were regarded as suspect, and what they did with that information.

# Drug Regulators Warn Many Painkillers Could Be Harmful

By Gardiner Harris  
*THE NEW YORK TIMES* WASHINGTON

Federal drug regulators issued sweeping warnings on Thursday that most popular painkillers could hurt the heart, stomach and skin, and they persuaded Pfizer to withdraw its once hot-selling pain pill, Bextra.

Tough warnings about heart risks will soon dominate the labels for prescription painkillers like Celebrex, Mobic, Naprosyn, Motrin, Voltaren and more than a dozen other similar drugs, the Food and Drug Administration announced. Even the labels of popular over-the-counter pills like Advil and Aleve will have to cite risks to heart, stomach and skin, the agency said.

Few studies have examined the long-term health effects of most of these medicines, so regulators are groping a bit in the dark. Studies done on Bextra and Celebrex, both from Pfizer, and Vioxx, made by Merck, strongly suggest that they increase the risks of heart attacks and strokes. With those studies in hand and suggestions that older pills may act similarly, Food and Drug Administration officials said

that they could not rule out the notion that all of the drugs in the class known as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories cause similar problems.

"We think these risks apply to all of these drugs," said Dr. Steven Galson, acting director of the FDA's center for drugs. "There may be some differences, but our conclusion is that we don't have enough data to rank order these risks."

Still, Galson emphasized that popular over-the-counter pain pills are safe if taken briefly and in low doses, and patients should not suddenly stop taking these medicines because of the FDA's announcement. Several experts said that naproxen, the medicine found in Naprosyn and Aleve, is probably the safest among the nonsteroidal pain pills.

Neither Tylenol nor aspirin are affected by the new warnings, although those medicines are not problem-free. In high doses, aspirin can hurt the stomach and Tylenol can damage the liver. Aspirin, though, protects the heart.

The latest warnings will complicate prescribing decisions for arthritis patients and other patients in chronic pain. There are hints in

the research that the pain pills that are easiest on the stomach may be toughest on the heart, and vice versa. Aspirin, for instance, protects the heart but can irritate the stomach. Naproxen may be mildly protective to the heart but seems especially harsh on the stomach. Vioxx proved easiest on the stomach but likely has the most toxic effects on the heart. All, in rare cases, cause skin reactions.

Doctors must now ask about a patient's heart and stomach risks. Those with cardiovascular problems could get one kind of pill, and those with a history of ulcers may get another. And some drugs have uniquely beneficial effects in some patients, and those patients may throw caution to the wind for their favored drug. The difficulties may be particularly acute for the elderly, who often are at risk for stomach and heart problems.

Pfizer said in a statement that it "respectfully disagrees with FDA's position regarding the overall risk/benefit profile of Bextra," but it agreed to suspend sales of the drug. The company said that it would work with the agency to come up with a strongly worded warning for Celebrex.

# Pope Considered Resignation, Reflected on Papacy in His Will

By Daniel J. Wakin  
*THE NEW YORK TIMES* ROME

He was approaching 80 years old, his hands trembling, his speech slurred, his gait hobbled by Parkinson's disease.

Pope John Paul II had just ushered Christianity into the third millennium, and days earlier, he had issued an extraordinary mea culpa for the sins of the church. In days, he would make a grueling and historic trip to the Middle East.

It was then, according to his will, which was released Thursday, that the pope may have anguished over a momentous thought: resigning the papacy.

In the last section, dated March 17, 2000, of a testament that was

written in 15 bits and pieces over most of his 26-year papacy, John Paul took stock of his life.

"Providence has seen fit for me to live in the difficult century that is departing into the past," he wrote, "and now in the year in which I reach my 80s, one needs to ask oneself if it is not the time to repeat with the biblical Simeon, 'Nunc dimittis.'"

He was referring to a passage, in Latin, from the Gospel of Luke in which Simeon takes the baby Jesus in his arms and says, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace."

But he seems to have rejected the thought.

Providence miraculously saved his life from the assassination attack

in St. Peter's Square in May 1981, John Paul went on, and God "in a certain way granted me a new one."

"From this moment, it belongs to Him more than ever," the pope wrote. "I hope that he will help me to recognize how long I must continue this service. I ask him to recall me when he himself wants to."

The pope's language was ambiguous, and Vatican officials declined to interpret it. John-Peter Pham, a former Vatican diplomat and the author of "Heirs of the Fisherman," a book about papal succession, said the pope appears to have been contemplating stepping down.

The possibility of John Paul's resignation became the subject of increasing speculation as the pope grew older and more feeble.

# WEATHER

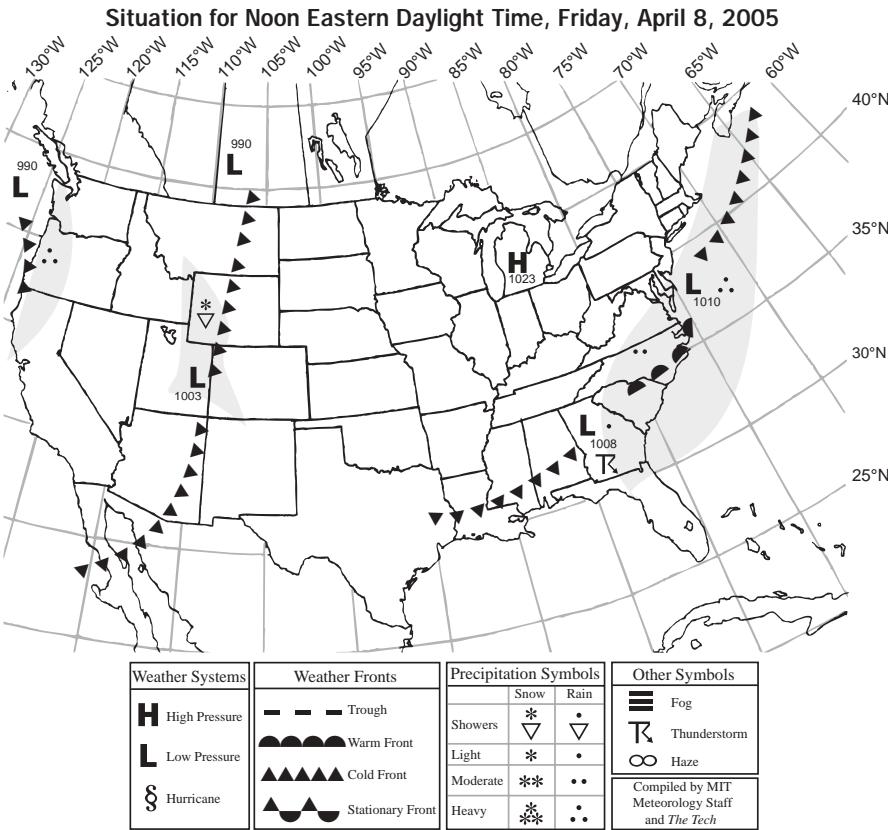
## Tornado Season Begins

By Jon Moskaitis  
*STAFF METEOROLOGIST*

Severe thunderstorms this past Wednesday spawned 30 reported tornadoes in Mississippi and Louisiana, the most significant tornado outbreak of the year to date. Such an event is not particularly unexpected, however, as the deep south has the highest climatological tornado frequency in the country this time of year. Over the next two months, the region most threatened by tornadoes will slowly migrate north and west, settling over the "tornado alley" of the southern Great Plains by early June. Here in New England, we have a much less immediate threat with which to concern ourselves. Peak severe thunderstorm season is in mid-summer, and even then, tornadoes are uncommon. On average, three per year occur in Massachusetts, primarily in the central part of the state.

**Weekend Outlook:**

**Today:** Showers ending early, then mostly sunny. High: 55°F (13°C).  
**Tonight:** Clear. Low: 35°F (2°C).  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny. High: 50°F (10°C).  
**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy, a few showers possible. Low: 40°F (4°C).  
**Sunday:** Clearing, breezy. High: 48°F (9°C).  
**Monday:** Partly cloudy, but with a chilly wind. High: 45°F (7°C).



# Iraqi President Appoints Shiite Leader as New Prime Minister

By Robert F. Worth  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

The Shiite leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari was appointed Iraq's new prime minister on Thursday, crystallizing the leadership of the first elected government here in decades and ending more than two months of divisive negotiations.

Al-Jaafari, a doctor and the leader of one of Iraq's major Shiite religious parties, was named by the new president, Jalal Talabani, shortly after Talabani was sworn into office with his hand on a Quran. Hours earlier, Ayad Allawi, who has been the prime minister in Iraq's interim government, submitted his letter of resignation, open-

ing the way for the new government to take power. Allawi will remain head of a caretaker government, however, until a full Cabinet is chosen.

Al-Jaafari, 58, had long been expected to be named prime minister — the most powerful post in the new government. Still, the announcement brought a palpable sense of finality and relief among Iraq's leading political groups, which had spent weeks locked in bitter talks on power-sharing and other issues that tried the patience of many Iraqis who risked their lives to vote on Jan. 30.

The appointment was also a long-deferred moment of triumph for the Shiites, who represent 60

percent of Iraq's population but were brutally suppressed by Saddam Hussein. The Shiite coalition to which al-Jaafari belongs was formed under the auspices of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most revered Shiite cleric. Al-Jaafari has made clear that he favors a strong role for Islam in Iraq's new constitution, which will be written soon, although he has been vague about specifics. His appointment also underscored the anxieties expressed by some Arab leaders about Iranian influence in the region. During 20 years of exile from Iraq, al-Jaafari spent time living in Iran and forged close ties with its leaders, as did many members of his Dawa Party.

# U.S. Offers States More Flexibility In Satisfying No Child Left Behind

By Sam Dillon  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOUNT VERNON, VA.

Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings offered greater flexibility to states on Thursday in meeting the requirements of the Bush administration's education reform law, calling the changes a major policy shift.

In her first national response to growing resistance among state officials to the law, known as No Child Left Behind, Spellings sought to set a new, more cooperative tone. She compared the law's tempestuous first years to those of an infant's experiencing "the terrible 2's."

"This is a new day," she said. "States that show results and follow

the principles of No Child Left Behind will be eligible for new tools to help you meet the law's goals."

Although President Bush promoted the law during his re-election campaign as one of his major accomplishments, more than 30 states — including many Republican strongholds — have raised objections to it. Some argue that the federal government is not adequately financing its requirements, which include a broad expansion of standardized testing. Others object to federal intrusion into an area long considered the domain of the states.

It was unclear whether Spellings' proposals went far enough to assuage state officials'

concerns, though several state superintendents expressed approval, as did both national teachers unions and several members of Congress.

But Connecticut officials, who announced earlier this week that they would sue the federal government for forcing the state to conduct more testing without providing the money to pay for it, were not impressed.

"This supposed initiative offers less than meets the eye," said Richard Blumenthal, the Connecticut attorney general. "Nothing in all of today's verbiage corrects the key legal lapse: by the law's clear terms, no mandate means no mandate, if it's unfunded. Our determination to sue continues."

## MG Rover Near Bankruptcy After Takeover Talks Fail

By Alan Cowell  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON

The British government said late Thursday that the country's last major volume car producer, MG Rover, was nearing bankruptcy after the collapse of takeover negotiations with the Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp. of China.

The announcement seemed to sound a final knell for a home-grown car industry that once produced brands from the lowly Austin and Morris to the top-end Jaguar, Bentley and Rolls-Royce. Rover itself was once an emblem of middle-class reliability while MG produced generations of two-seater sports convertibles.

The reported collapse of MG Rover could cost an estimated 6,000 jobs at the Longbridge plant in the British Midlands and a further 18,000 jobs in component supply businesses in surrounding areas.

MG Rover's negotiations with Shanghai Automotive were seen as its last hope. The ailing company has never made a profit since it was sold by BMW for a token 10 pounds (nearly \$19) in 2000 to local managers after the German automaker racked up huge losses trying to turn the British company around.

But according to the Press Association news agency, Shanghai Automotive, which had been seeking to tap into MG Rover's expertise as a volume car producer, said the British government had been reluctant to offer financial aid, so "there could be no deal."

## AIG Said to Have Secretly Backed Two Offshore Insurance Companies

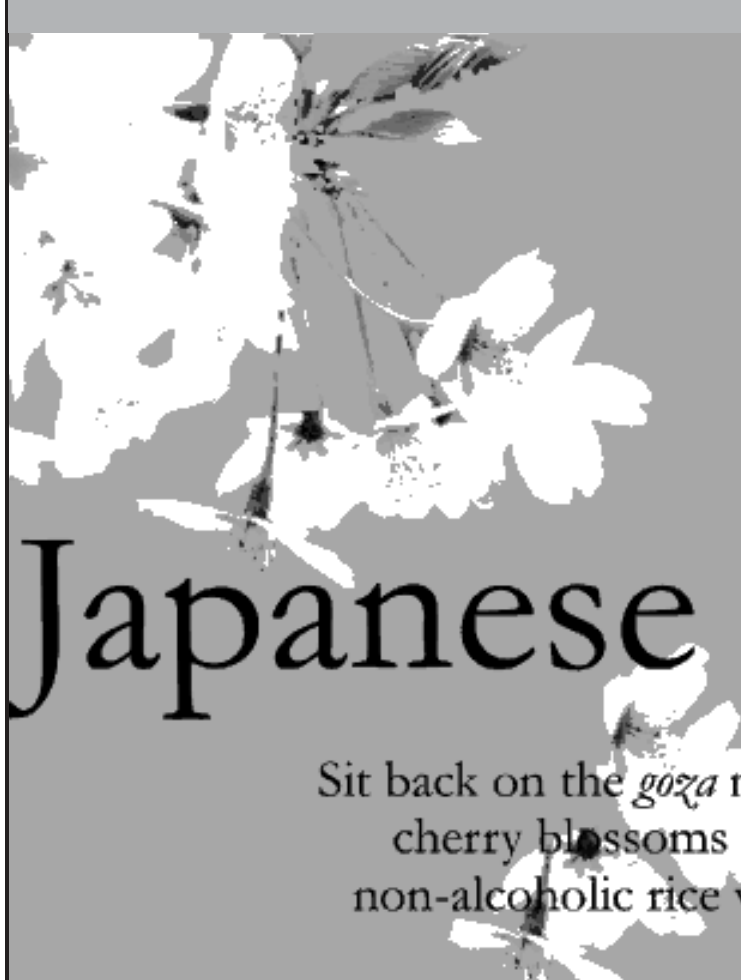
By Gretchen Morgenson and Jenny Anderson  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Investigators have learned that two offshore insurers that appeared to have no affiliation with American International Group were secretly backed by the global insurance giant through complex agreements, according to people who were briefed on the matter.

An AIG affiliate secretly guaranteed the investments that other companies made in the offshore insurers, effectively making those insurers' operations part of AIG, according to the people.

Details of the complex transactions came to light Wednesday, when officials in the New York attorney general's office interviewed executives from Munich Reinsurance Co., the German insurance giant. Munich Re, as it is known, was an investor in Richmond Insurance Co., an obscure insurer based in Bermuda that conducted all of its business with AIG.

The deals described Wednesday supplement the outline of impropriety disclosed by AIG last week. On March 30, the company conceded that it had wrongly accounted for a number of deals, including those with the two offshore insurers, disclosing that the "known errors and changes in accounting estimates" could eliminate \$1.7 billion from its net worth, or roughly two percent.




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# OPINION

## The Benefits of American Dictatorship

Nick Baldasaro

Few Americans are aware of the difference between a democracy and republic these days. Time was, 200, even 100 years back that even schoolchildren knew that America is a republic, just like it says in the Pledge. The granddaddy of all political writers, Machiavelli, put it best in his *Discourses* why exactly a republic is so preferable to all other governments: “for if in one and the same state there was dictatorship, aristocracy and democracy each would keep watch over the other.” In other words, dictatorship stabilizes democracy, and we call the result a republic.

The failure of democracy is well documented, with one well-known example being the military collapse of Athens and the subsequent death sentence of Socrates. In our own time, dictators are alive and well in the West — we call them presidents and we are glad to have them. Our dictator in America is completely within his legal power to pardon criminals convicted by juries, to control military strategy, and to thwart up to 66 percent of the legislature at a whim. Whether Bush, Clinton, or Jefferson, America’s presidents have made use of their powers and in doing so have brought great stability to the Republic as part of our innovative and unappreciated system of checks and balances. Electing dictators and then restraining them with law has made our nation one of the most stable republics in history, and states that possess autocrats like ours should count themselves lucky.

In light of these realities, political positions that at first inspection seem wise turn out to be neutral or outright foolish. The first example of such foolishness is the myth of

the mandate, or the idea that a president should have some arbitrary percentage of the public’s support (50? 60? 73.5?) to push agendas or to act in their capacity as dictator. The lazy thinking here is that we are a democracy and that all laws must have majority support all the time. What silliness. If this were our goal, we’d scrap the Senate and presidency and give House representatives a one month term. Instead, we reasonably agree that if you don’t like the dictator’s ideas, vote for a new Congress in two years and thwart his designs. There is no such thing as a radical right- or left wing agenda in this nation — it will not survive to birth.

A second, neutral topic is civil liberties, with the associated foolishness that expanding them is always beneficial to us all. Expanding civil liberties is an awful idea when that expansion decreases the stability achieved by adding dictatorship to democracy. If it were not so, anybody could do exactly as he wished at any time — the ultimate set of civil liberties — and we would be in the end form of democracy: anarchy. Conversely, restricting civil rights can be beneficial to a state’s strength and stability. Many argue that the Patriot Act is un-American because it “intrudes on privacy.” What these critics conveniently forget to omit is the phrase, “in order to bring stability.” Of course the Patriot Act helps America execute its defensive abilities; being intelligent citizens, we sim-

ply trade some democratic freedom for dictatorial safety. Only a fool would claim he knows for certain how much of each we need and criticize the Patriot Act without recourse to the points I have mentioned above. If critics of the erosion of civil liberties really want to curtail our dictator’s ability to restrict democratic free choice, then

they should look into “taxes.” I imagine such an investigation would be rather unpopular with their supporters, however. Few from the crowd most supportive of “democracy” would willingly examine the supremely coercive and undemocratic nature of taxes, wherein one citizen forcibly removes the

wealth of another in the name of social stability.

America blends democracy and dictatorship with other elements of government, and its rewards include a first tier military, economy, and rule of law. Though we have our faults, there is no comparing the American Republic with the depraved dictatorships of most of the Third World and former Soviet Republics. As for democracies — there are none. And any American who considers himself a progressive might be appalled at the high levels of paternalism in “liberal” Europe’s nations, on matters ranging from economics to privacy and personal ownership. We remain the best of what decent, motivated people can achieve: part tyrant and part freeman.



## Letters To The Editor

### RIAA Lawsuits

MIT should not be beholden to every corporation with the money to hire scary lawyers. Information Services and Technology should start a new policy of discarding all information about which MAC addresses/Ethernet jacks use which DHCP addresses. It will complicate investigations of internal malfeasance, such as the Athena “hacker,” but it will protect students against corporate witchhunts.

Amal Dorai G

### Simmons News Release

Why is everyone missing the point that Simmons is horrible to live in? I think the number one priority of an architect is to provide a building that meets the inhabitants’ needs, and then do so artistically. I agree that MIT’s tradition is to be daring and innovative, but MIT’s tradition was never to put form over function. This is a very dangerous slope to go on.

Dan Stratila G

## Erratum

Professor Isaac L. Chuang’s name was misspelled in the table “Big Screw Totals as of Monday,” which was on page 9 of Tuesday’s issue.

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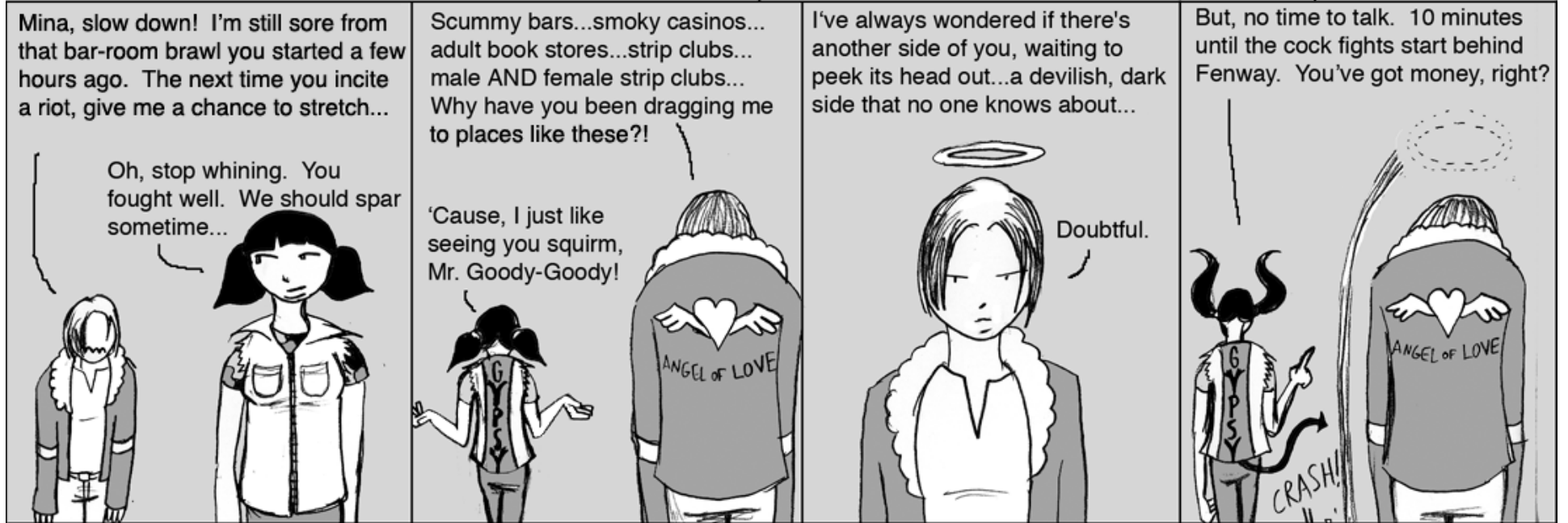
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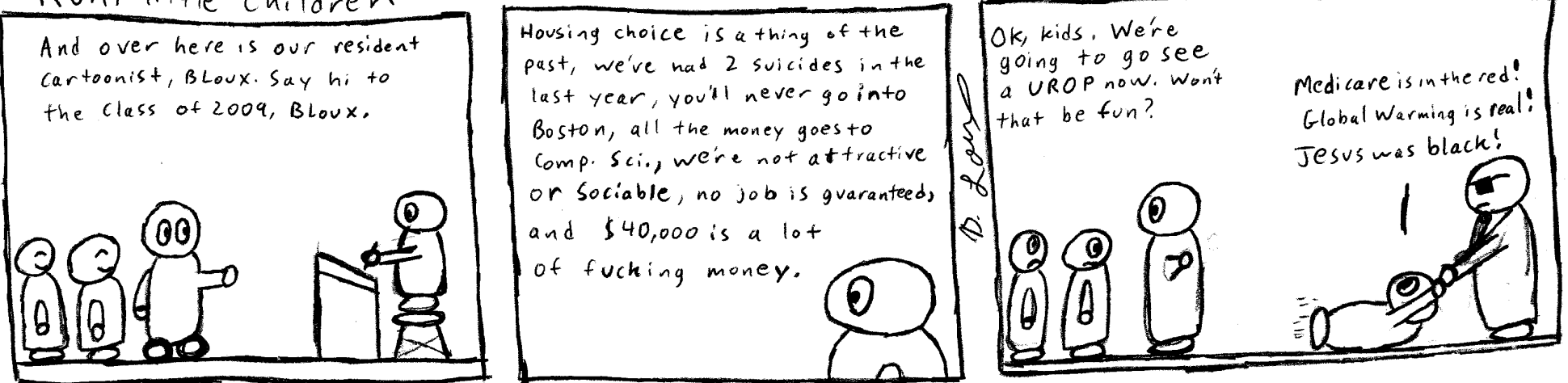
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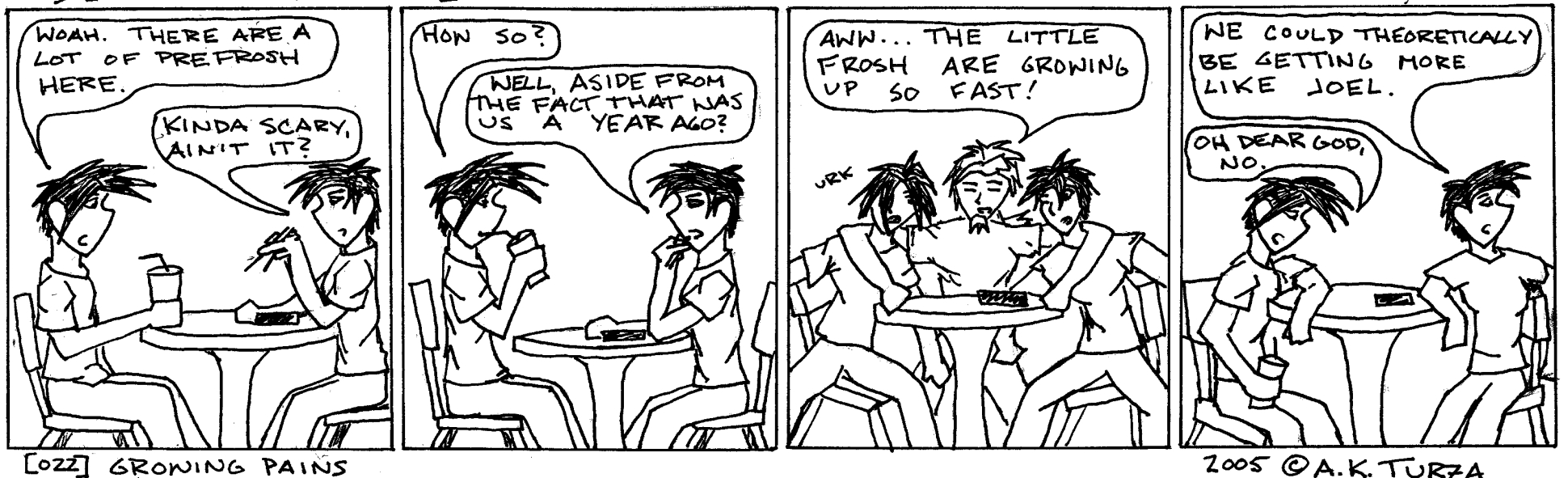
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**ACROSS**

1 Festive occasions

6 Variety of salmon

10 Dress line

14 Besieged site of 1836

15 October stone

16 Operatic showstopper

17 Gadabout

18 Nota \_\_\_ (note well)

19 Angelic feature

20 Start of Emerson quote

23 Mata \_\_\_

24 Banned apple spray

25 Vicinities

29 Copper coin

31 Sort

33 \_\_\_ of roses

36 Old-time interjection

37 Light brown

38 Part 2 of quote

43 Bad leader?

44 Lennon's love

45 Carried on the wind

46 Main courses

49 Rental car company

51 Portfolio plus

52 Son of Leah

**Solution, page 18**

54 Hebrew month

58 End of quote

61 Creche threesome

64 Declare

65 Good Book

66 Wash-basin partner

67 Camera's eye

68 Shun

69 Kind of club

70 Latin being

71 Takes a siesta

**DOWN**

1 Wayne's "Wayne's World" cohort

2 Waikiki welcome

3 Rod of tennis

4 Grant Wood's "\_\_\_ Gothic"

5 Nursing a grudge

6 Brittle metallic element

7 Massenet work

8 Banister element

9 Butter alternative

10 Majority of Mali

11 Important time

12 Trouble

13 Chinese revolutionary

21 Unnaturally pale

22 Distant

26 Go in

27 Another time

28 Have an inkling

30 Unit of work

32 Mars hue

33 Lost

34 Dilutes

35 Hues

36 Follies man Ziegfeld

39 Misery

40 Subjugates

41 Oriental sash

42 Precipitous plunge

47 Start drawing on the pension

48 DDE's command

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50 Caesar's seven

53 Balances

55 Gray wolves

56 Dark

57 City SW of York

59 Robust

60 Skier's lift

61 Actress Ryan

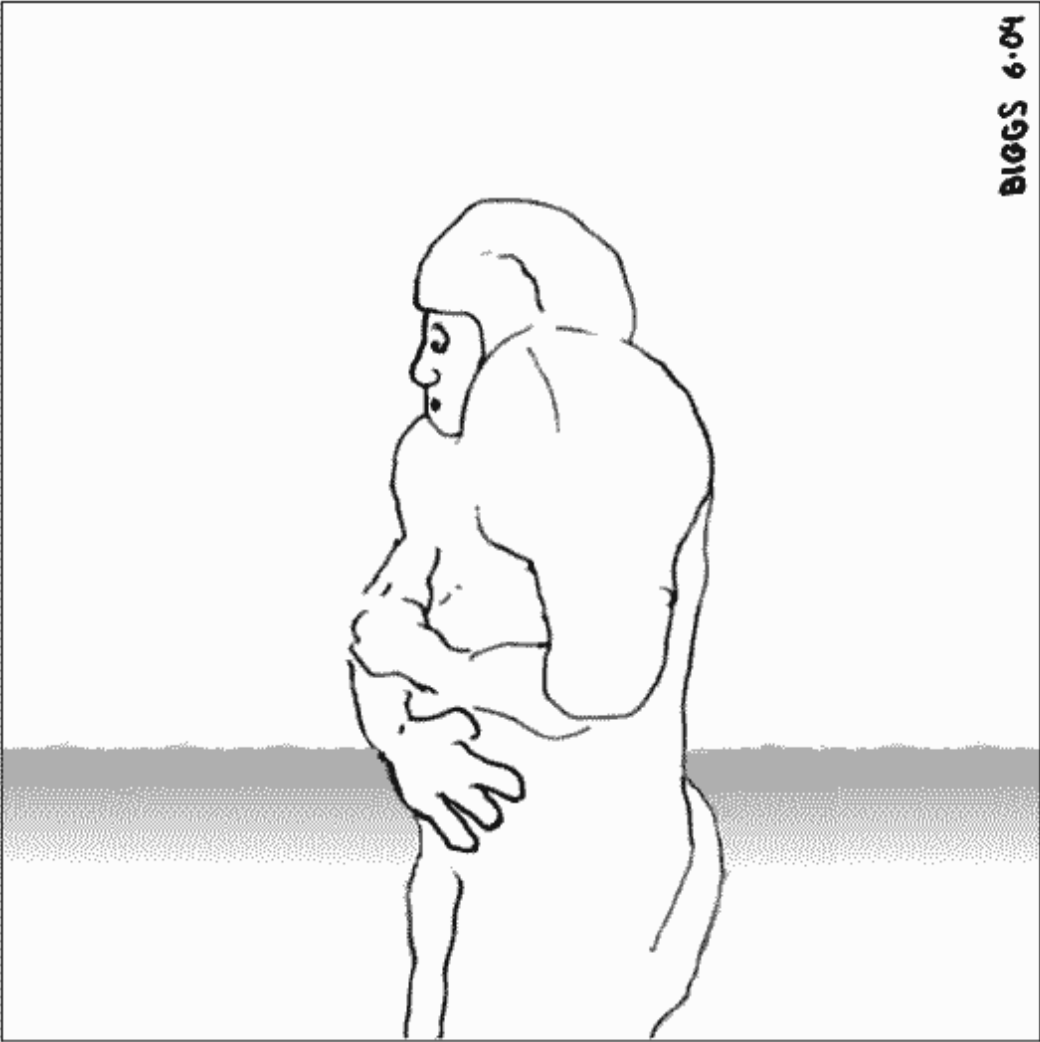
62 Belt maker's tool

63 Holy cow!

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Bonus Crossword

Solution, page 13

ACROSS

1 Spill the beans

5 Aleutian island

9 Of the Vatican

14 Grace ending

15 "I Remember Mama" role

16 Pope's fanon

17 Verne's skipper

18 "Dies \_\_\_\_"

19 State gambling

20 Bright citation

23 "Little Red Book" compiler Biao

24 Maiden name indication

25 Audio system

28 Made comfortable

30 One-tenth donation

33 FDR's Blue Eagle

34 Mrs. in Madrid

36 NYSE watchdog

37 NaCl

38 Bright models

43 Kent's girlfriend

44 Feather stickum?

45 Actress Peeples

46 Abet's partner?

47 Modify

49 Verbalize

53 Process for

sorting the injured

55 12/24 or 12/31

57 Winery cask

58 Bright boobos

62 Shoe grip

64 Farmland

65 Pro's opponent

66 Poet Alighieri

67 SS Alex Rodriguez

68 Audacity

69 Locales

70 Philosopher Immanuel

71 Out of the wind

DOWN

1 Confused jumble

2 Pilot Earhart

3 Clunky cars

4 Have

memorized

5 Fashionable shape

6 Desired goal

7 Links hazard

8 Exploitive fellow

9 Well-mannered

10 Woke up

11 Fatherly

12 PC key

13 Zodiac lion

21 Arboreal lemur

22 Container for cinders

26 \_\_\_\_ Stanley Gardner

27 Trigger treats

29 Slave of the past

31 Grenoble river

32 John Ritter's dad

35 Buck's horn

37 Tiff

38 Blind strip

39 Filament

40 Impoverished

41 Hood's gun

42 Penny pincher

47 Some marbles

48 Zone

50 Unmelodious

51 Hard-shelled reptile

52 Store, as fodder

54 Having wings

56 South African grassland

59 Writer Dinesen

60 Writer Lofts

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63 Chou En-\_\_

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(below left) Esther Yu '07 reaches out to catch a frisbee on Kresge Oval.

(below) Lissa B. Riley '08 lies on a blanket outside on Briggs Field across from MacGregor as she studies under the sun.

(right) A crocus blossoms outside Baker House, showing one of the first signs that that Spring has finally arrived.

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"In addition," Girard said, "while herbal products sound more 'natural' than manufactured pharmaceuticals, herbs are chemicals, too, so they can have side effects or interact with conventional medications or other supplements you may be taking." St. John's Wort, for example, has been associated with increased sensitivity to sunlight and decreased effectiveness of birth control pills. It's also important to remember that the FDA does not regulate herbal products, so it is impossible to know their strength and purity, the amounts of active ingredients, and the validity of any therapeutic claims.

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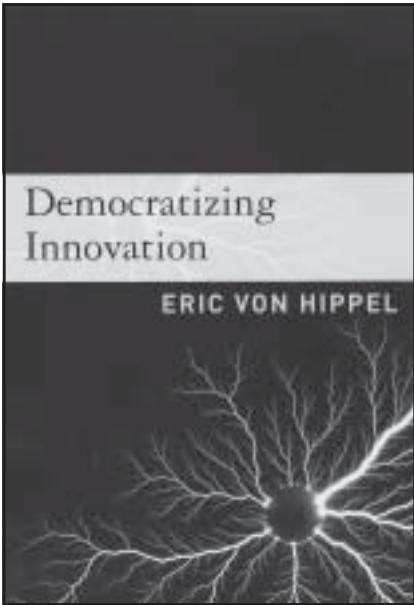
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# Companies, Careers Office Plan for 2006 Recruiting

Jobs, from Page 1

summer at Lehman Brothers working as a summer analyst in their internship program. While he submitted almost 20 resumes to other banking and financial firms on Monster InterviewTrak and received three interviews, Lehman Brothers offered him a full-time offer as a trader, which he accepted in September.

"It was a hassle last spring trying to get an internship. You had to submit lots of resumes and interview wherever and whenever the companies wanted. Seeing my friends go through it, it's definitely

a stressful process, but it's relieving when it's over," he said.

**Jobs still out there**

While some may have missed the heaviest part of the recruiting season, Reed said that her office receives calls every day from employers still looking for prospective interns and employees.

The Careers Office will hold an eFair with Caltech and Columbia from April 11 to 22. Currently, there are 95 employers with over 150 internship and full-time opportunities participating, Reed said.

**'06 recruiting season in planning**

Though members of the class of 2006 are still lining up summer internships, planning for the 2006 recruiting season is underway.

The Careers Office has already received calls from employers seeking to get a head start on the 2006 recruiting season. "Recruiting used to take place in the spring, but in the past decade has migrated towards the fall" as companies try to snap up the best students, Reed said.

Reed has already received calls from representatives at Lockheed-Martin and GE with projections of increasing recruitment goals by as

much as 10 percent for 2006. Staff in the Careers Office have also told her that other companies are projecting 6 to 12 percent increases for next season.

Wey-Jiun Lin '06, publicity chair for the 2006 Career Fair, said that the planning committee began meeting last fall, even though the Career Fair is not slated to take place until Sept. 22, 2005.

"Previous Career Fair directors were chosen in late spring and planned the event over the summer. We began having regular meetings in February and will be sending out letters and sponsorship packets in May," Lin said.

### Top Employers of 2004 MIT Graduates

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Boston Consulting	11
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Bain & Co.	10
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Deutsche Bank	6
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*SOURCE: 2004 MIT CAREERS OFFICE ANNUAL GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY REPORT*

Results from Salary Survey									
Degree	2005				No. of Reports	2004			
	Low	Average	High			Low	Average	High	No. of Reports
SB	\$28,900	\$58,164	\$125,000		86	\$30,000	\$56,377	\$90,000	102
MS	\$20,000	\$71,587	\$200,000		47	\$35,000	\$73,661	\$130,000	77
MEng	\$55,000	\$75,250	\$95,000		30	\$35,360	\$71,670	\$110,000	78
PhD	\$21,000	\$71,089	\$110,000		23	\$41,000	\$84,096	\$130,000	51

SOURCE: MIT CAREERS OFFICE ANNUAL SALARY SURVEY

### Big Screw Totals as of Thursday

Candidate	Representing	Charity	Thursday Total	Total to Date
IS&T Senior Project Manager Paul B. Hill	IS&T WinAthena	TBD	\$152.22	\$282.43
Professor Isaac L. Chuang '90	8.13	American Cancer Society	\$28.77	\$96.61
Professor Michael D. Ernst '89	6.170	St. Mark Community Education Program	\$7.36	\$65.75
Professor Anantha P. Chandrakasan	6.111	American Cancer Society	\$14.34	\$61.00
Professor Alar Toomre '57	18.01/2A	United Way	\$18.00	\$55.44
Professor Krishna Rajagopal	8.05/8.06	Union of Concerned Scientists	\$13.72	\$55.40
Instructor Byron M. Roscoe	6.101	NE Home for Little Wanderers	\$3.76	\$49.74
Dean Robert M. Randolph	self	Hospice of the North Shore	\$4.21	\$47.12
Associate Dean Karen A. Nilsson	self	American Cancer Society	\$3.72	\$30.43
Professor Shankar Raman '86	Course 21L	Doctors Without Borders	\$0.00	\$21.25
Professor Harry L. Tuller	3.022/3.024	TBD	\$4.86	\$12.19
Professor Charles E. Leiserson	6.046	TBD	\$4.26	\$4.26

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Total: \$282.43  
Total monies collected Thursday: \$476.52  
Total monies collected to date: \$1025.35

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# Many Prospective Students Stay in FSILGs for CPW

CPW, from Page 1

Prefrosh had a chance to meet each other and form friendships Thursday evening with the CPW Student Welcome and Pre-frosh Ice-breaker in Rockwell Cage. This morning, President Susan Hockfield is delivering the President's Welcome, followed by the Faculty Keynote Lecture, given by

Dava J. Newman, professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Among the other events held this weekend are: the making and eating of chocolate truffles at Random Hall; barbecues at East Campus and Burton Conner House; dinners and parties at fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups; the Mr. and Miss MIT contest; and the ZBT Battle of the

Bands. **FSILGs recruit during CPW** McGann said that 757 MIT students requested to host a prefrosh. However, only 606 of these students were matched with prospective students. Of these, 244 are being housed in FSILGs. The prefrosh not being hosted by MIT students arranged their own housing, he said.

The mode number of prefrosh housed in each fraternity is seven, while residential and sorority houses were filled to their requests. ILGs were given an average of five to seven prefrosh each. Brad W. Schiller '07, Interfraternity Council recruitment chair, said that the fraternities view CPW as the second most important time of the year, besides rush, for recruit-

ment. He also said that the fraternities are helping MIT by recruiting students, since "there is a higher retention rate of students when they stay in fraternities." The fraternities must abide by a strict no alcohol policy over CPW, Schiller said. "There will be a no tolerance policy for alcohol," he said, adding that inspectors would check each fraternity for any alcohol.

## Prefrosh Enjoy Campus Preview Weekend Activities



CHRISTINA KANG—THE TECH



CHRISTINA KANG—THE TECH

Prefrosh arrive at the Institute on Thursday, April 7, for Campus Preview Weekend, and take part in the many activities around campus. Clockwise from top left:

Laura C. Martini '08 (left), Benjamin W. Charrow '08, and Caroline E. Ruben '08 use liquid nitrogen to make ice cream for the MIT Festival in Johnson Athletic Center.

Ash C. Dyer '06 welcomes the prospective students and checks in their luggage for temporary storage.

Tyson C. McNulty '08 sings and plays air guitar with the MIT Logarithms at the Welcoming Ceremony.

Prospective students lounge in La Sala de Puerto Rico after checking in, while waiting to be escorted to their hosts' residences.

Benjamin S. Lu '07 entertains a gathering crowd with his contact juggling performance at the MIT Festival.



OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH



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CHRISTINA KANG—THE TECH



# New GSC Officers Plan To Study Housing Fees

GSC, from Page 1

on campus for graduate students, of which 1,814 are for singles and 407 are for married students or students with partners, said Michael R. Folkert G, co-chair of the GSC Housing and Community Affairs Committee. There are 6,184 graduate students enrolled this year, according to the “MIT Facts 2005” Web site.

The GSC will also examine numerous expenses paid by graduate students, such as the student life fee, to see if they are reasonable, she said. There are funding issues that need to be looked at with “renewed intensity,” she said.

The GSC will draw on the strength of its three previous years of ad ministration and the ties it has forged with MIT administrators, she said. Slaby plans to work on “connections with other groups on campus,” she said.

Having served on the Student Advisory Board to the president, Slaby said she has found President Susan Hockfield to be “open and receptive.”

Bruni said he would bring to the GSC his abilities to network with people, plan events, and generally strengthen public relations. He

plans to improve communication with GSC representatives of departments and dormitories, he said.

Brooks’s goals include increasing student representation on committees so that decisions involving issues such as family housing and student life fees are representative of graduate student opinions.

Adeyemi said that as treasurer, there would be a lot of work to do, and he “plans to take that seriously.” It is “very important that we always come together and have one voice,” he said.

### Election unusually competitive

This year, every position was contested, and more candidates ran than usual, Singh said. Last year, three of the four positions were uncontested before the election meeting. This year, only one was. Although Bruni was the only candidate for vice president before the election meeting, he still had competition because those not elected to one position can run for another.

Singh said that being GSC president “has been a fabulous opportunity,” a “huge learning experience,” and “an honor.” He said he is not sure how much he will be involved with the GSC next year, but he “will be around.”

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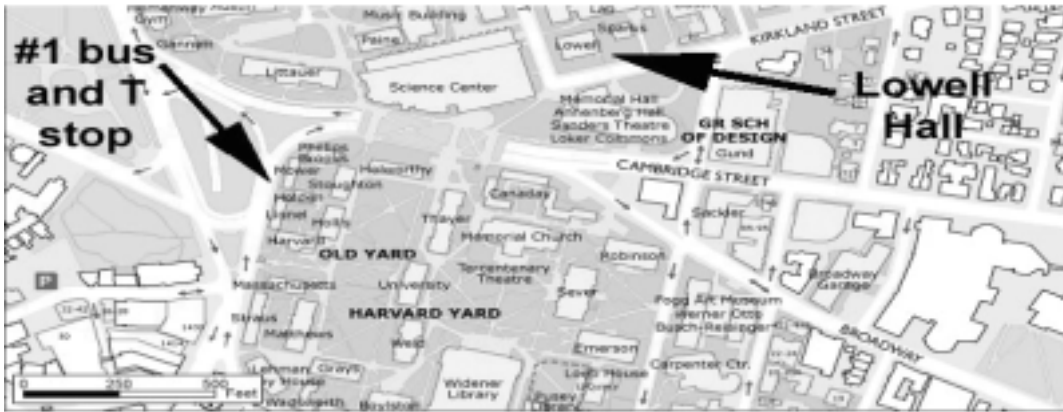
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# Harvard Prof. Caught Stealing Farm Manure

By Kelley Rivoire and Kathy Lin  
NEWS EDITORS

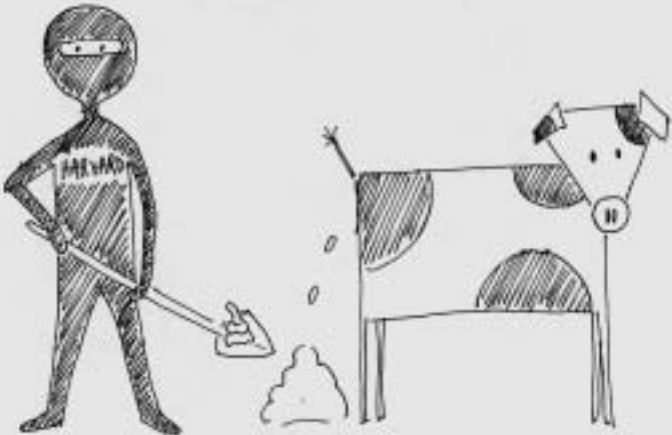
Harvard University Professor of Economics Martin L. Weitzman PhD '67 has been accused of stealing manure from a farm in Rockport, MA, last Friday, according to an *Associated Press* article.

The stable manager, Phillip Casey, called the police when he found Weitzman, whom Casey claims had stolen manure from the farm for years, according to the article. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reported on Thursday that Weitzman was charged with trespassing, larceny under \$250, and malicious destruction of property, and was arrested.

When confronted by Casey, Weitzman offered to pay for the manure, offering first \$20, then \$40, which Casey did not accept, according to the *AP* story.

The land, owned by Charles Lane, was marked private property., and according to the *AP* article, Weitzman has been previously warned.

*The Chronicle of Higher Education* article stated that “it is unclear whether Mr. Weitzman had a practical or academic use in mind for the manure. His main research interest is environmental and natural-resource economics.”



Editorial rendering

Easter 1987, Age 5

Easter 1988, Age 6

Easter 1989, Age 7



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# Next Act's Production of "Lucky Stiff" Premieres



Next Act premiered its production of "Lucky Stiff" on Thursday, April 7. The show will be performed at Next House again on Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9. (left) Sara C. Nadeau '07 and Erin S. Koksall '08 wonder what contents the envelope holds and devise a way to "accidentally" pry it open. Nadeau plays a landlady and Koksall plays a spinster. (right) Matthew R. Burns '04 sings and dances in the opening scene. Burns plays Luigi Gaudi, a crazy Italian impersonator.

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Solution to  
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# Cardinals Have the Best Lineup, But Yankees Will Win the Series

MLB, from Page 20

don't see any weaknesses in the rotation.

Youth? They've got it. Wood, Prior, Zambrano, and Dempster are all under 30 years of age.

Power? They've got it. After all, they don't call Wood "Kid K" for nothing.

Experience? They've got that too. Well, sort of. The pitchers have been to the playoffs. But more importantly, they have the best pitching coach a team could ever want in Greg Maddux.

If only Chicago had the offense that St. Louis does, the Cubs would be a shoo-in for the World Series.

The Yankees have the best lineup in baseball...

...Fiction

This fiction would have been a fact had the Yankees gotten Carlos

Beltran and a completely healthy Jason Giambi. Instead, the St. Louis Cardinals have the best lineup in baseball. With Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds, Scott Rolen, Larry Walker, and Reggie Sanders, the Cards were tough enough to beat, but now that they've added speed at the top of the order with David Eckstein, they are truly deadly.

The loss of Edgar Renteria at least kept St. Louis on this planet, offensively. But adding Mark Mulder to their pitching staff almost pushes their team over the top.

The Red Sox will repeat and win the World Series...

...Fiction

Once again, I expect the Red Sox to win the wild card, but this time, the Yankees will finish the Red Sox off in the playoffs. The Sox might have been the perfect team last year, but this time they no longer have Pedro Martinez (who

was replaced by David Wells) or Derek Lowe (who was replaced by Wade Miller).

That's a huge loss in the pitching department, and pitching was the reason the Red Sox beat the Bronx Bombers last fall.

This year, the Yankees have improved their pitching. Jaret Wright, Carl Pavano, and Randy Johnson are enough to make any team formidable, but they bring Mike Mussina and The Hand-Bashing Idiot (a.k.a. Kevin Brown) back as well. The talent level in that starting rotation is unbelievable.

True, the Sox did get Renteria, but the Yankees countered with Tony Womack and a somewhat functional Jason Giambi. Overall, the two batting lineups are comparable in caliber. But pitching is what the Yankees have lacked for three seasons. They finally have enough of it again to win the World Series.

# Baseball Team Fights For First Place in The NEWMAC Conference

MIT Baseball from Page 20

ing the offensive effort with a home run and three RBI, Duggan pitched five solid innings. At the end of the fourth, he walked Jared Cianciolo, who advanced to second on a fly out. With a runner at second, Eric Rochon rolled a grounder to third base for what could have been the inning-ending out. But a slight hesitation on the part of Bates, the third baseman, allowed both runners to advance.

Wentworth's Garrett Fisher then pulled a long shot to left to drive in two runs, the Leopards' first of the game.

This turn of events failed to phase the Engineers, however. They quickly ended the inning with a pop out from the next batter and entered the sixth with a 14-run lead.

Duggan was replaced in the next inning by freshman left-hander George M. Vasquez '08. Wentworth made motions in the direction of a comeback, scoring six runs in the next two innings off Vasquez, but the Engineers easily controlled the game, building on their lead in the seventh and eighth innings.

In the seventh, Kraig Moody came in to pitch for the Leopards, and after loading the bases, walked Kevin R. Wheeler '08 to bring in another run for MIT. The next batter, Isaac Y. Wu '05, nailed a line drive to short. Wentworth shortstop Matt Moyan dove for an impressive stop but was unable to get the ball out of the dirt in time for an out, and MIT scored another run.

In the eighth, Blaine E. Ziegler '08 was hit by a pitch and advanced to second on a ground out by Batty. He was driven home for the Engineers' final run of the game on a bloop double to left by Jay M. Turner '08.

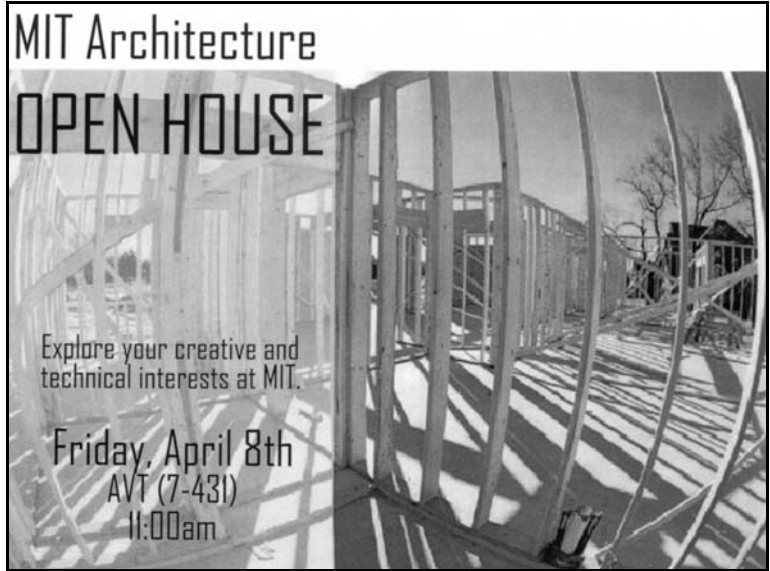
Cliff A. Roscow '05 closed the game for MIT, pitching a perfect ninth inning to end the game.

The Engineers continue a close race with Babson and Wheaton for first place in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference. They play a crucial double-header Saturday against the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. With Zeller, Bates, and Tydus, who went 5-for-5 Monday, in the lineup, MIT's offense is imposing. If they continue performing as they have, the Engineers should have no problem maintaining their conference lead.

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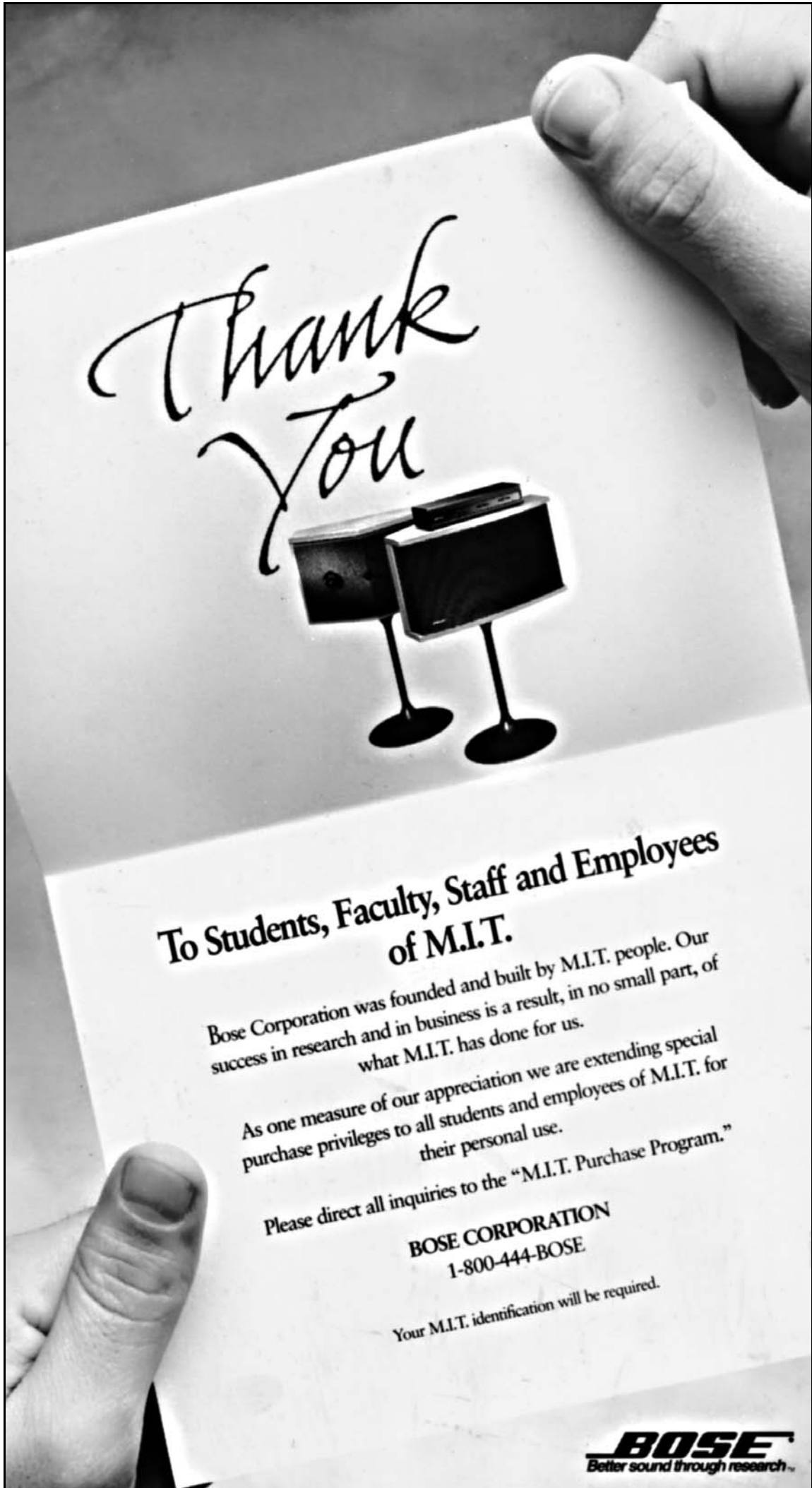
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SPORTS

MIT Blows Its Opponents Away In Ballroom Dance Competition

By Jessica Lee  
TEAM MEMBER

Basketball players walking down the hall brushed elbows with men in white tie and tails last weekend, as the annual MIT Open Ballroom Dance Competition convened in Rockwell Cage on April 2-3.

The largest collegiate ballroom competition in the Northeast, the MIT competition was a resounding success, as well as a testament to MIT's technological prowess. Online registration and calculation of judges' marks were both done using programs written by MIT team members, and videos of all the final events were posted online less than 24 hours after the end of the competition. Audio/visual efforts turned the gym into a stage for a world-class performance by Victor Fung and Anna Mikhed, international champions in Standard.

Many team members, having pushed themselves to the limit to get the competition up and running, danced the entire weekend on no sleep.

Nonetheless, MIT blew away its opponents in the overall team com-

petition with nearly twice as many points as the next runner-up.

Among the most elegant contributions to MIT's high score was a set of parallel victories by two top couples: Wei An G and Karolina Netolicka '04 swept first place in all four Advanced Standard events, while Brad Morrison and Margaret Wong '02 swept first in the Advanced Smooth events.

MIT's performance was consistently solid in both Standard and Smooth. Four of the top six couples came from MIT in the Advanced Smooth Waltz-Tango and Viennese Waltz events. In Beginner International Foxtrot, MIT claimed five of the top six places: Shih-Yuan Liu and Jessica R. Huot '06 in first, Dmitry Abanin G and Yan Zhao in third, and Adel Ahanin G and Britany N. Montgomery '06 in fourth, with Perry Shieh and Theresa Vallese tied with Eng Sew Aw G and Shi Ling Seow '06 for fifth.

The team also used the competition as a chance to defy conventions. Saturday's Fun Dance, a "Reverse-Role/Same-Sex Samba" sponsored by team member Ron Hoffmann for the promotion of non-traditional role dancing, was fol-

lowed by the serious competition in Advanced Rhythm in which an all-male couple placed second.

Sunday's Fun Dance was a "Rookie-Vet Waltz" (one member of each couple was a brand-new dancer, the other member an experienced one). In fact, during the rest of the weekend, MIT's rookie couples could actually be found competing — and winning — at remarkably advanced levels. Particularly impressive were rookies Shlomo M. Meislin G and Olga S. Shevnyuk '08, who placed in both Intermediate and Advanced Smooth, taking second in Advanced Smooth V-Waltz against couples who had been dancing for years. Rookies Liu and Huot made a most spectacular showing by taking first place in seven of the eight dances they entered in Standard and Latin. In Intermediate Jive, they took second.

For many, the MIT Open was the final event of the academic year, the culmination of hundreds of hours of practice. However, Dance-sport continues year-round, and many an MIT couple will be dancing again today and every day, for practice or just for the pure pleasure of moving across the floor as one.

Baseball Team Beats Wentworth Leopards, Brings Record to 8-5

By Caitlin L. Murray  
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, 17 dedicated fans sat for three hours on Alum-A-Stands in 45-degree weather with 20 mph wind gusts to watch the MIT Varsity Baseball team beat the Wentworth Leopards 20-10. The Engineers are on a roll, with that game giving them 47 total runs in a three-game span. The win over Wentworth put MIT at a conference-leading 2-0 and 8-5 overall.

MIT set the stage for their victory early, taking what amounted to batting practice off Leopards pitcher Pete Ostashen. Every pitch seemed to end up in deep left field, and those that did not make their way into the outfield were bungled, as the Engineers scored ten runs (four unearned) before getting four outs.

Jason T. Witzberger '07 jump-

started the MIT offense with one out in the first, singling to get on base and setting up Wayne P. Duggan '06 for an RBI double. Kyle M. Zeller '06 drove Duggan home with a double before a single by Warren W. Bates '06 and a double by Sedrick A. Tydus '05 gave the Engineers an early 3-0 lead. The second inning progressed in much the same manner, with the MIT lineup taking Ostashen for a ride, scoring six runs with only one out.

Wentworth replaced Ostashen with Conrad Leger, who managed to give up only one run before ending the inning. Unfortunately for the Leopards, his success was short-lived, as he issued two walks and four wild pitches in the third inning and then allowed a three-run home run to the appropriately named Michael M. Batty '05.

Meanwhile, in addition to aid-

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Fact and Fiction About the '05 Baseball Season

By Yong-yi Zhu  
COLUMNIST

Some fact and fiction going into the 2005 baseball season:

Barry Bonds will pass Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs this year...

...Fiction

Barry Bonds probably won't hit another baseball ever again.

Don't take that to mean Barry won't try to get back, but he is simply too old to take time off. If you sit out a long period of time, as he will have to do with his knees, it becomes tougher and tougher to get back into playing shape.

Sure, the ultimate goal of Hank Aaron's home run record is in Bonds' sight, but the last time we saw him, we didn't see a defiant Barry Bonds recovering from his surgery. Instead, we saw a weak man not sure when he would take up the sport again.

I think Barry has been mentally weakened by everything that has been going on with the steroids witch hunt, the pain that he must bear with his knees and the fact that he will not become a worshiped star. This mental pain, in addition to his physical pain, will make his comeback that much tougher if he ever is ready again.

The Cubs have the best rotation in baseball...

...Fact

The Yankees and the Braves are the only teams able to contend. Even without Matt Clement, the Cubs still have the best starters in baseball.

Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, and Carlos Zambrano form perhaps the only big three left, now that Oakland has disbanded its trio. Add Greg Maddux (which is like adding 15 wins) and Ryan Dempster, and I

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, April 8

Varsity Softball vs. WPI (Double Header) Briggs Field, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

Women's Lightweight Crew vs. UMass-Amherst

Charles River, 8 a.m.

Varsity Sailing Metro Series Three, Jan T. Friis Trophy, and

Women's President's Trophy

Charles River, 9:30 a.m.

Women's Rugby vs. Brandeis

Briggs Field, 10 a.m.

Men's and Women's Varsity Track and Field Engineer's Cup

Steinbrenner Stadium, 12 p.m.

Varsity Baseball vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy (doubleheader)

Briggs Field, 12 p.m.

Sunday, April 10

Men's Heavyweight Crew vs. BC and URI

Charles River, 8 a.m.

Women's Openweight Crew vs. UNH

Charles River, 9 a.m.

Varsity Sailing Metro Series Three, Tyrell Trophy, Jan T. Friis Trophy, and Women's President's Trophy

Charles River, 9:30 a.m.

Men's Volleyball Finishes Season With Win

On Saturday, the Men's Volleyball Team ended its regular season with a win over Johnson & Wales University. The Engineers finished with a record of 23-6 overall and 15-3 in conference play. This weekend, the Engineers travel to the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association championship tournament looking for their first post-season victory in 12 years.

(right) Nathaniel Chan '05 digs a ball in Saturday's game.

(below) The team celebrates their win.

Photography by David Gandy

